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For: PARTICLE HAVING MAGNETIC MATERIAL INCORPORATED THEREIN, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, PARTICLE FOR IMMUNOASSAY AND METHOD FOR

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2009 in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.